

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: NOBORU HAMADA) .	
		;	Examiner: N. El Hady
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Application No.: 09/588,672)	Group Art Unit: 2154
Filed: June 6, 2000)	
For:	NETWORK DEVICE		
	MANAGING APPARATUS	:	
	AND METHOD)	July 15, 2004
Commis	ssioner for Patents		
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, a Request for Continued Examination having been filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: